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Homegrown Cult in Southeastern U.S. Claims Ties to ISKCON

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Jason Sutter, a former pro-North Korean support group ringleader, now a self-proclaimed Hindu priest, in an illustration created by NK News for this article
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An investigative news report was called to our attention today by a university student in Newfoundland, Canada who is currently writing a paper on controversies within the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. He referred us to a lengthy article by journalist Nate Thayer, entitled "[**White Power and apocalyptic cults: Pro-DPRK Americans revealed**](#)". (This link gives you full access to the article on the first click, but requires a subscription fee a few clicks thereafter.)

Although the exposé article is quite extensive, we can offer no opinion as to the accuracy of the contents. We can say that [**Nate Thayer**](#) appears to be a credible and well recognized journalist in his field, and it seems that he specializes in reporting on North Korea.

As one reader commented on the NKnews.org webpage, "This is the weirdest article I've read all year." And so it is. Although ISKCON has gotten some very bad press as a "cult" due to rascals like Kirtanananda, as all informed persons well know, ISKCON and the Hare Krishna movement certainly is **not** a cult. So it's very unfortunate that the movement's good name is again dragged into the region of cultism by this bizarre article.



Photo of weapons and other offering to the Hindu Goddess kali at Joshua Sutters rural South Carolina property. Titled "Their Lordships Shree Shree Kalki-Kalaratri , New Bihar Mandir, United States", the photo is taken from the official New Bihar mandir temple website and posted in 2009
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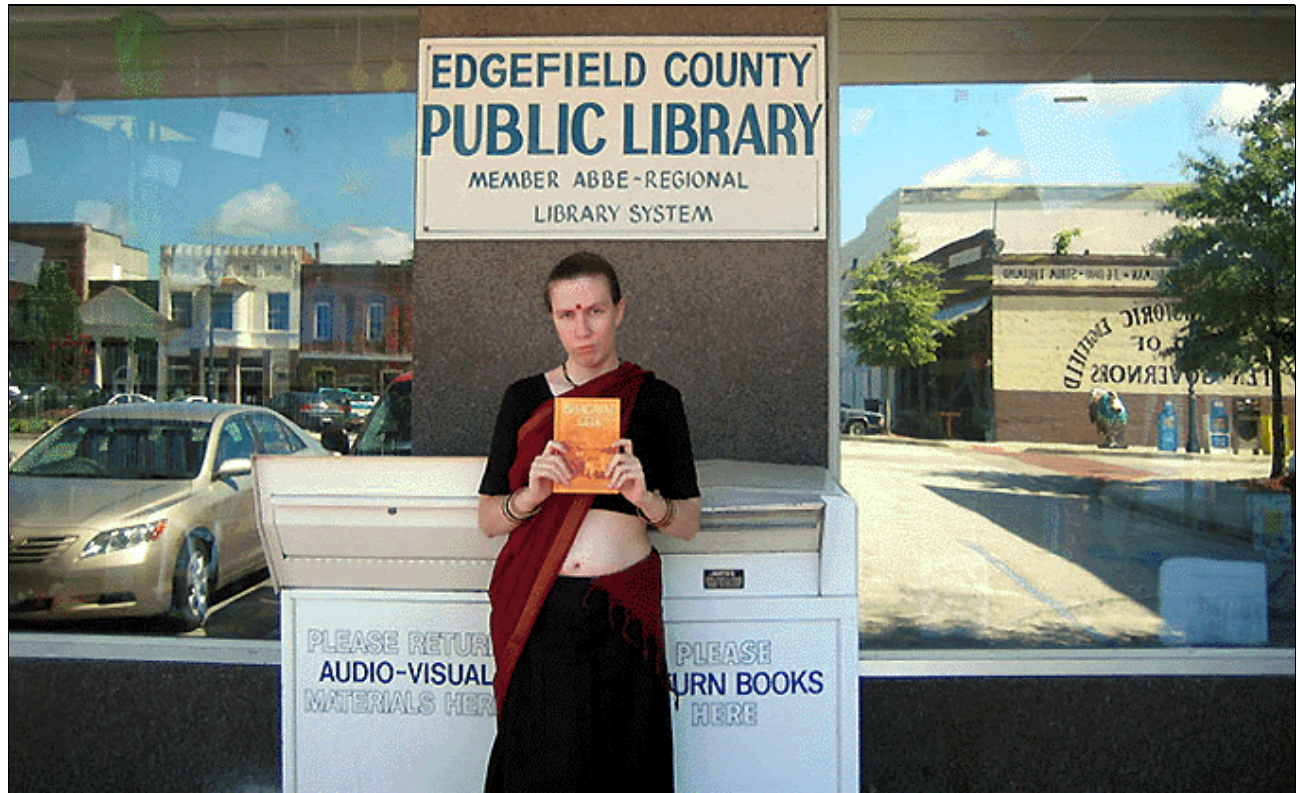
As the article itself makes very evident, all devotees and the general public should steer very far clear of these characters at the so-called "New Bihar Mandir". Following are a few excerpts from "[**White Power and apocalyptic cults: Pro-DPRK Americans revealed**](#)", in which Thayer tells the long and complicated story of a group of subversives. At about the mid-point of the article he writes:

"In 2009, leaders of the clandestine U.S. White Power movement created another religious organization—a Hindu sect worshipping an apocalyptic Hindu Deity, Kali" ...

Taking on the aliases of a Hindu priest and priestess, Sutter and Hoy established the New Bihar Mandir Temple at the same rural South Carolinian location as the Rural People's Party headquarters and where the U.S. Songun Study Group represented by Cupp and the Palestinian American activist Ziad secretly travelled months earlier to formalize their political alliance.

Sutter adopted an additional new identity of a Hindu Hare Krishna priest calling himself *Shree Shree Kalki-Kalika Mandir*. Sutter's bride, Jillian Hoy, took on the name *Jayalalita devi dasi*, and

billed herself as a Hindu priestess. ...



Jillian Hoy, who also claims to be a disciple of the mainstream Hare Krishna Hindu sect, holds up Hare Krishna literature at a rural South Carolina library in 2009
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New Bihar Mandir's Myspace page, created in 2009, says "A new god has come to rural Lexington County, South Carolina: Their Lordships Shree Shree Kalki-Kalika." Adding "Lord Kalki will appear as the "Killer Avatar" to cleanse the earth as the pivotal factor in a worldwide annihilation, from which, like a phoenix arising from the ashes, will come a new Golden Age (or 'Satya-yuga.')

The New Bihar Mandir proclaimed "Lord Kalki is our commander, ultimate master and final authority life after life." According to ancient Hindu scriptures, history is divided into four epochs: now is the 'Kali Yug', the Age of Kali, an epoch of darkness and disintegration...New Bihar Mandir, a worldwide movement of devotees and temples, is beginning to bring this prophecy into fruition."

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Jillian Hoy at Hare Krishna ceremony at Hare Krishna temple retreat in North Carolina in 2009
[HH Bir Krishna Goswami conducting fire yajna]
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The previous year Sutter had professed loyalty to the Hare Krishna sect of Hinduism. "In retrospect I can see just how much my life has been enriched by your work," Sutter wrote in a letter to the head of a North Carolina-based Hare Krishna temple [apparently referring to HH Bir Krishna Goswami].

"[My wife] is now having some of the happiest times I have seen her have since our marriage because of the enriching potency of Krishna consciousness," ...

On James Porrazzo's web site "OPENREVOLT" he posted an article "NOTES ON THE BHAGAVAD-GITA" on August 22, 2011 which begins: "We assume, quite justifiably, I think, that the Bhagavad-Gita sets forth Aryan philosophy. The Aryan is white and noble in contradistinction to the black and ignoble. This book then, if Aryan, must give us a noble system of philosophy and ethics."

The article concludes with: "This post is dedicated to his Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabupada, my anonymous Krishna Conscious Spiritual Advisor (you know who you are) and my brothers and sisters at New Bihar Mandir."

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